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**METHOD** 

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## REPLY AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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## Dear Commissioner:

Applicant submits this Reply and Request for Reconsideration in response to the final Office Action mailed on May 27, 2009. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by August 27, 2009, and thus, this response is timely. Please amend the above identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Listing of Claims begin on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks/Argument** begin on page 14 of this paper.

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